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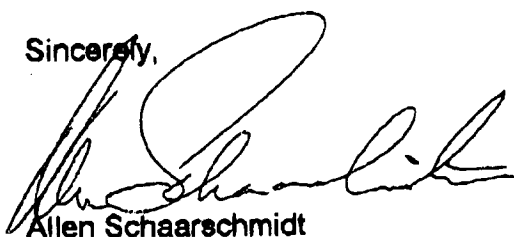
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to go on record as supporting the settlement that was reached last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It is about time that the antitrust lawsuit that was filed three years ago has finally been extinguished, and I hope that the nine remaining states that are continuing will follow the lead of the Department of Justice.

The court costs incurred by the Department Justice and the Microsoft Corporation are higher than the GDP of some small countries. Too much time and money have been wasted on this matter; worsening the recession. Microsoft has made a concession that is a first in an antitrust settlement: the sharing of source code and interfaces that are internal to their software with competitors for instance. Additionally, an oversight committee set up by the government will constantly monitor Microsoft. Everything that was needed is now done; let us put this issue behind us and move on.

I support the settlement that has been reached between the Microsoft Corporation and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,



Allen Schaarschmidt

cc: Senator Rick Santorum